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SUB: FORM AND SUBSTANCE BY EXIMBANK

REF: (A) ACCRA 5697 (B) ACCRA 5805 (C) STATE 211733

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1. WE HAVE LEARNED THAT GOG AT HIGH LEVELS IS ANNOYED AT WHAT IT CONSIDERS TREATMENT INAPPROPRIATE TO HIS RANK GIVEN BY EXIMBANK TO HEAD OF STATE ACHEAMPONG. WE CANNOT BUT CONCUR THAT IS WAS HANDLED INDELICATELY.

2. APPLICATION TO EXIMBANK TO FINANCE TWO BOEING 707'S WAS SIGNED BY ACHEAMPONG HIMSELF. TURNDOWN WAS IN QUITE ORDINARY, ALMOST CURT LETTER, ADDRESSED WITHOUT TITLE SIMPLE TO "HIS EXCELLENCY I.K. ACHEAMPONG, P.O. BOX M 40, MINISTRY BRANCH POST OFFICE, ACCRA, GHANA," SIGNED BY EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT, AND SENT ORDINARY AIRMAIL.

3. WE HAD OCCASION IN 1974 INFORMALLY TO REMIND EXIMBANK THAT HEAD OF STATE SHOULD NOT NORMALLY BE ADDRESSED BY NAME NOR LETTER SIGNED BY BANK OFFICER OTHER THAN PRESIDENT. HE SHOULD NOT BE ADDRESSED IN HIS CAPACITY AS CYMMISSIONER FOR FINANCE, ALTHOUGH HE HOLDS THAT PORTFOLIO, BUT ONLY AS HEAD OSTATE.

4. IT WOULD BE USEFUL IF, ONCE AGAIN, EXIMBANK COULD BE MADE AWARE OF POLITICAL SENSITIVITIES OF HIGH FOREIGN OFFICILS AND IF FORM OF RESPONSES ESPECIALLY IF
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THEY ARE TURNDOWNS--COULD BE CHECKED WITH DEPARTMENT OR

POST. SUCH COMMUNICATIONS SHOULD, OF COURSE,
INVARIABLY BE POUCHED TO POSTS FOR
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